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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 23, 2017

**DATE:** April 26, 2017

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Dr. Laura D. Knight, Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner

**SUBJECT:** Approve expenditures in excess of \$100,000 to National Medical Service (NMS) for toxicology and laboratory testing in Fiscal Year 2018 (All Commission Districts)

### SUMMARY

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office requests that the Board approve expenditures in excess of \$100,000 to National Medical Service (NMS) for toxicology and laboratory testing in Fiscal Year 2018.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:**

Stewardship of our Community  
Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

### PREVIOUS ACTION

May 2016 – Board approval of expenditures over \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2017

April 2016 – Board approval of expenditures over \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2016

### BACKGROUND

Since July 1, 2015 the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office has joined on the forensic toxicology testing agreement between National Medical Service (NMS) and Clark County, Nevada resulting from Clark County Bid No. 603594-15 (OA No. 4610004870) with annual renewals through 06/30/2020.

National Medical Service (NMS) was the chosen provider for Clark County and Washoe County as they are a nationally accredited laboratory with an excellent reputation for work product and case turnaround time.

NMS provides all forensic toxicology testing for the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office.

AGENDA ITEM # 5H.1.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Medical Examiner's Office has a budget of \$160,000 for toxicology expenses in Fiscal Year 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve expenditures in excess of \$100,000 to National Medical Service (NMS) for toxicology and laboratory testing in Fiscal Year 2018.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve expenditures in excess of \$100,000 to National Medical Service (NMS) for toxicology and laboratory testing in Fiscal Year 2018."